

**PPAC Planning Survey 2005**  
Summary of Data

**Total Number of Survey Responses: 587**

Survey Responses by Affiliation

(Note: affiliations were self-selected by respondents.)

<b>Affiliation</b>	<b># of Survey Responses</b>
Judge/Commissioner	128
Attorney	136
Clerk of Court	41
Court User/Observer	9
District Court Administrator	5
Other Court Staff	106
Other Government Employee	61
Private Agency Employee	15
Interested Citizen	46
Other	40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>587</b>

**Top 5 Rankings for Each Affiliation**

**Note:** More than five rankings were given when two topics tied for a top 5 ranking, or when “other” was ranked as a top 5 topic.

**CUMULATIVE TOTALS**

<b>Not Weighted</b>		<b>Weighted</b>	
1. Assistance for self-represented litigants	10.31%	1. Assistance for self-represented litigants	11.02%
2. Court Security	9.03%	2. Court Security	10.40%
3. Alternatives to incarceration	8.54%	3. Alternatives to incarceration	9.60%
4. Emerging Technology in the court system:	8.41%	4. Emerging Technology in the court system	8.27%
5. Alcohol and drug abuse	7.68%	5. Other	7.93%
		6. Alcohol and drug abuse	7.57%

**Judge/Commissioner**

<b>Not Weighted</b>		<b>Weighted</b>	
1. Assistance for self-represented litigants	13.87%	1. Assistance for self-represented litigants	15.64%
2. Court security	10.00%	2. Court security	11.07%
3. Alcohol and Drug abuse	9.52%	3. Alternatives to Incarceration	10.21%
4. Alternatives to Incarceration	9.35%	4. Other	9.89%
5. Other	8.39%	5. Alcohol and Drug abuse	9.35%
6. Family and youth issues in court	6.77%	6. Language barriers in court	6.34%

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**Attorney**

Not Weighted	
1. Alternatives to incarceration	12.56%
2. Assistance for self-represented litigants	8.71%
3. Alcohol and drug abuse	8.42%
4. Specialty courts	7.53%(Tie)
5. Emerging technology in the court system	7.53%(Tie)
6. Language barriers in court	7.53%(Tie)

Weighted	
1. Alternatives to incarceration	16.03%
2. Alcohol and drug abuse	9.61%
3. Assistance for self-represented litigants	9.50%
4. Specialty courts	8.92%
5. Emerging technology in the court system	8.33%

**Clerk of Court**

Not Weighted	
1. Court security	13.73%
2. Emerging technology in the court system	12.25%
3. Assistance for self-represented litigants	10.78%
4. Court facilities	6.86%
5. Language barriers in court	6.37(Tie)
6. Alcohol and drug abuse	6.37%(Tie)

Weighted	
1. Court security	16.99%
2. Emerging technology in the court system	12.58%
3. Assistance for self-represented litigants	12.42%
4. Court facilities	8.01%
5. Alcohol and drug abuse	5.72%

**Other Court Staff**

Not Weighted	
1. Court Security	14.42%
2. Emerging technology in the court system	12.52%
3. Assistance for self-represented litigants	11.95%
4. Language barriers in court	7.40%
5. Family and youth issues in court	7.02%

Weighted	
1. Court Security	19.22%
2. Emerging technology in the court system	13.27%
3. Assistance for self-represented litigants	12.77%
4. Language barriers in court	7.46%
5. Family and youth issues in court	6.57%

**Other Government Employee**

Not Weighted	
1. Alternatives to incarceration	12.04%
2. Specialty courts	9.03%
3. Family and youth issues in court	8.03%(Tie)
4. Alcohol and drug abuse	8.03%(Tie)
5. Use of alternative dispute resolution	7.69%

Weighted	
1. Alternatives to incarceration	14.35%
2. Specialty courts	9.23%
3. Other	8.79%
4. Emerging technology in the court system	7.35%
5. Alcohol and drug abuse	7.01%
6. Use of alternative dispute resolution	6.56%(Tie)
7. Court Security	6.56%(Tie)

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**Interested Citizen**

Not Weighted	
1. Family and youth issues in court	9.78(Tie)
2. Other	9.78%(Tie)
3. Domestic Violence	9.33%
4. Assistance for self-represented litigants	8.44%
5. Use of alternative dispute resolution	8.0%

Weighted	
1. Family and youth issues in court	10.69%
2. Other	10.40%
3. Domestic Violence	9.08%
4. Assistance for self-represented litigants	8.93%
5. Alternatives to incarceration	8.35%
6. Use of alternative dispute resolution	7.91%

**Court User/Observer**

Not Weighted	
1. Family and youth issues in court	15.56%
2. Other	13.33%
3. Domestic Violence	11.11%(Tie)
4. Assistance for self represented litigants	11.11%(Tie)
5. 4-way Tie	

Weighted	
1. Family and youth issues in court	15.56%
2. Other	14.81%
3. Assistance for self represented litigants	12.59%
4. Domestic Violence	9.63%
5. Use of alternative dispute resolution	8.89%
6. Court Security	8.15%

**District Court Administrator**

Not Weighted	
1. Other	20.83%
2. Specialty courts	12.5%(Tie)
3. Increasing fees, costs and surcharges imposed on court users	12.5%(Tie)
4. Expanding municipal courts	12.5%(Tie)
5. 4-way Tie	

Weighted	
1. Other	17.57%(Tie)
2. Consolidating court functions	17.57%(Tie)
3. Increasing fees, costs and surcharges on court users	16.22%
4. Expanding municipal courts	13.51%
5. Privacy of Court Records	9.46%(Tie)
6. Emerging Technology in the court system	9.46%(Tie)

**Private Agency Representative**

Not Weighted	
1. Family and youth issues in court	16.00%
2. Alternatives to incarceration	13.33%
3. Use of alternative dispute resolution	10.67%
4. Domestic violence	9.33%(Tie)
5. Specialty courts	9.33%(Tie)
6. Other	9.33%(Tie)

Weighted	
1. Alternatives to incarceration	18.58%
2. Family and youth issues in court	17.26%
3. Use of alternative dispute resolution	11.95%
4. Domestic violence	8.85%
5. Other	8.41%
6. Specialty courts	7.96%

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**Other**

Not Weighted		Weighted	
1. Assistance for self-represented litigants	12.31%	1. Assistance for self-represented litigants	12.31%
2. Other	10.77%(Tie)	2. Other	12.14%
3. Court security	10.77%(Tie)	3. Court security	10.96%
4. Emerging technology in the court system	8.72%	4. Alcohol and drug abuse	8.94%
5. Language barriers in court	7.18%(Tie)	5. Emerging technology in the court system	7.42%
6. Alcohol and drug abuse	7.18% (Tie)	6. Language barriers in court	7.08%
7. Increasing fees, costs and surcharges	7.18%(Tie)		

**#1 Topics for all affiliations**Not Weighted:

Topic	# of Times it was #1 Topic overall
Assistance for self-represented litigants:	3
Family and youth issues in court:	3
Court Security:	2
Alternatives to Incarceration:	2
Other:	1

Weighted:

Assistance for self-represented litigants:	3
Alternatives to incarceration:	3
Court Security:	2
Family and youth issues in court:	2
Other:	1

**Effectiveness Question**

*Do you believe Wisconsin courts are performing any less effectively than they were five years ago as a result of budget limitations?*

<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>No Response</b>
Judge/Commissioner	60% (76)	35% (45)	5% (7)
Attorney	57% (77)	36% (49)	7% (10)
Clerk of Court	44% (18)	51% (21)	5% (2)
Court User/Observer	44% (4)	56% (5)	
District Court Administrator	40% (2)	60% (3)	
Other Court Staff	40% (42)	58% (62)	2% (2)
Other Government Employee	39% (24)	56% (34)	5% (3)
Private Agency Employee	60% (9)	40% (6)	
Interested Citizen	39% (18)	59% (27)	2% (1)
Other	45% (18)	40% (16)	15% (6)
<b>CUMULATIVE</b>	<b>49%</b> <b>(288)</b>	<b>46%</b> <b>(268)</b>	<b>5%</b> <b>(31)</b>